

K.A.R. 9-18-11. Additional requirements for indoor housing facilities and sheltered

housing facilities. The requirements in this regulation shall be in addition to the requirements in K.A.R. 9-18-10.

(a) Structure. The building or structure of each indoor housing facility and each sheltered housing facility shall be constructed so that temperature and humidity levels can be controlled and odors can be eliminated rapidly. The building or structure shall have at least one door for entry and exit that can be opened and closed. Any windows or openings that provide natural light shall be covered with glass, hard plastic, or a similar hard, transparent material.

(b) Heating, cooling, and temperature. Each licensee operating an indoor housing facility or a sheltered housing facility shall ensure that the facility is sufficiently heated and cooled to protect and provide for the animals' health and well-being.

(1) Each licensee operating an indoor housing facility or a sheltered housing facility shall ensure that, when dogs or cats are present, the ambient temperature in the facility does not fall below 45°F or 7.2°C for more than four consecutive hours and does not exceed 85°F or 29.5°C for more than four consecutive hours.

(2) Each licensee shall provide dry bedding, solid resting boards, or other means of conserving body heat whenever the ambient temperature inside the facility is below 50°F or 10°C.

(3) Except as approved by the attending veterinarian, a licensee operating an indoor housing facility or a sheltered housing facility shall not permit the ambient temperature in the facility to fall below 50°F or 10°C when any of the following dogs or cats are present:

(A) Any dog or cat not acclimated to lower temperatures;

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(B) any dog or cat of a breed that cannot tolerate lower temperatures without stress or discomfort, including short-haired breeds; or

(C) any dog or cat that is sick, infirm, or of a young or an advanced age so that the dog or cat cannot tolerate lower temperatures without stress or discomfort.

(c) Ventilation. When animals are present, each indoor housing facility or sheltered housing facility shall be sufficiently ventilated at all times to provide for the animals' health and well-being and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation.

Ventilation shall be provided by windows, vents, fans, or air conditioning units. The licensee shall provide auxiliary ventilation whenever the ambient temperature is at least 85°F or 29.5°C.

Auxiliary ventilation may include fans, blowers, and air conditioning units. The licensee shall maintain the relative humidity at a level that ensures the health and well-being of the animals housed in the facility, in accordance with the directions of the attending veterinarian and generally accepted professional and husbandry practices.

(d) Lighting. Each licensee shall provide enough lighting in all animal areas of each indoor housing facility or sheltered housing facility to permit inspection and cleaning of the facility and observation of the animals. All animal areas shall be provided with a regular, uniform diurnal lighting cycle of either natural or artificial light when species-appropriate. Each primary enclosure shall be placed in a manner that protects the dogs and cats from excessive light. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 47-1712; effective P-_____.)

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